

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Mindy Paradis  
Benjamin McDonald  
Councilor Lars Hansen  
Alena Mazur  
Wendy Yule  
Ngairé Nix  
James Kollmar  
James Turner  
Kala Raymond

WITH REGRETS: Councilor Ryan Pollard

ALSO PRESENT: Cheri Andres – Recording Secretary  
Alysha Laviolette – City Representative  
Megan Bayley – City Representative  
Thomas Breitzkreutz - Vulcraft

**CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mindy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

29/2024

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was Moved by James K. to approve the September 10, 2024, Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

30/2024

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was Moved by Ngairé to accept the meeting minutes of June 11, 2024, as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**Chair's Report**

- VolunteerFest – had a good public turn out
- Jar'd won the Environment Achievement Award

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**Council's Report**

- Municipal Development Plan (MDP) was passed in July. While it doesn't change the land use, developers can make amendments. South Telford will see the biggest change. The MDP doesn't change the buffer but allows flexibility for structure plans and land use to be used for residential.
- Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) with Leduc County is no longer being utilized. There was discussion on "Community Nodes" which are built up areas, apartments/commercial buildings together.
- A service level adjustment to aid the unhoused was approved by council unanimously. A new position, Community Navigator, has been hired to directly assist those in need and help with housing. A second Community Navigator will be hired to address encampments. These roles will work in the community rather than from an office within FCSS.
- Leduc is experiencing a significant housing boom, with the Crystal Creek neighborhood seeing extensive servicing and development. This area will primarily feature commercial buildings, with some condos mixed in.
- Councilor Pollard requested Councilor Hansen to mention a resident's suggestion for a community-wide garage sale on the waste management calendar. Administration is considering approval. Several LEAB members supported the idea, noting its success in Edmonton and Calgary.

**Administration's Report**

- Welcome Cheri who is taking over for Alysha.
- Spring Bird Count Numbers: 1136 total birds counted, 81 different species. Our most numerous species observed was the Canada Goose, then Red-winged Blackbird.  
  
Events:
  - VolunteerFest was a great event. Discussed waste diversion, hens and bees, pesticides education programs.
  - Hens and Bees Information Session will be conducted on October 8 prior to the LEAB board meeting.
  - Recycling Round Up will be hosted on October 5, 2024, from 10 am – 2 pm.
  - Conferences: Alberta Care Conference will be held on September 11-13 in Bonnyville if anyone is interested in attending.

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- Landfill Tour – LDRWMC is looking for tours of community groups around the landfill and wondering if LEAB would be interested. (Members were very interested in attending).

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

**31/2024**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

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*Actionable Initiatives*

**Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Content online and social media engagement efforts are currently taking place. Handouts completed, being brought to events. Engagement stats of online campaign below:
- Total reach so far - 10,183
- Engagement - 1,145
- Page views from July 1-Sep 7 - 647

**Telford Lake Natural Area**

- Discussed MDP changes impact to Lions Campground but uncertain around their lease time.
- We are looking for clarity on what is needed to support our setback request. Megan noted that we are trying to get natural asset inventory done but may not be done until 2027 due to Budget. Engineering and Environment provided recommendations, and we are exploring grant opportunities, many of which are for non-profits. We're not sure if LEAB qualifies. Wendy suggested that Walmart offers a grant that local groups often overlook. If LEAB doesn't qualify, the wildlife committee, a non-profit, might apply on our behalf.
- Areas could be rezoned as residential but there is no confirmed timeline. The most pressing quarter section would be the one south of the dog park.

**Light Efficiency Community**

- No update

**Hens and Bees**

- Program materials have all been updated to reflect the program's permanence, and the website has been updated to streamline

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- Info session will be held on Tuesday, October 8
- VolunteerFest had three people sign up seeking additional information and lots of people taking pictures of the drop in info.

***Topics to Monitor***

**Events**

- Recycle Round Up – Saturday, October 5, 2024

**Watershed Health and Coal Policy**

- Three groups (MD Ranch, Nakiska Group of Ranchers and Corb Lund) have requested to call off coal exploration hearings until further investigations have taken place.

**Single Use Plastic**

- No updates – REMOVE from Topics to Monitor

**Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- No update

**Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- No update

**Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU)  
Waste Diversion**

- Multi-family waste diversion program has been developed and will be kicked off with an early adopter incentive. Outreach to property managers should start in October. Program provides kitchen collectors, recycling bins, and written materials for residents of early adopting properties, as well as assistance to property managers who submit their diversion plans before Q4 2025.
- Mandatory for property owners to comply by January 2025 as per bylaws.

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

- EPR policy is coming to Alberta with circular materials provided for every municipality within Alberta offering us a cost/household.

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- We would like to find out what kind of financial compensation is in place.
- Administration will be advising council to opt in at September 23 meeting.
- Operations will continue as planned.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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- Megan provided an update and presented the proof of the proposed signs for Deer Valley's naturalized areas. The new signage will be posted before deciding if further outreach is needed.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

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- Mindy mentioned she learned of an interesting website, BumbleeWatch.Org, where you can take pictures of bumblebees and upload them as well as see other sightings on a map.
- Discussion on this year's wasp influx and whether the city is addressing it. Unfortunately, there is not anything that can be done. This year's influx may be good for the bird population next year!
- Discussion around municipalities who are opening old creeks and rivers which is called "Daylighting". By doing this it creates wetlands and brings life back into the community.
- Discussion on the protocols for the Hens and Bees program. All participants need to be licensed. Thomas noted that requirements like insurance and hive placement may deter interest. He suggested swarm traps as an alternative to the nucleus colony requirement.
- Suggestion to have a beehive at the community garden to bring attention to and promote the program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**32/2024**

**MOTION: Mindy** moved by to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2024, Telford Street Board Room

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*Mindy Paradis*

Chair

*Cheri Andres*

Recording Secretary